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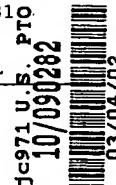
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), transmitted herewith for filing is the Continuation patent application (35 USC 111) of International Application PCT/JP00/04411

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Title: "HARD PRECIOUS METAL ALLOY MEMBER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME"

Priority Claim is made, based upon:

35 USC 120: International Application PCT/JP00/04411 filed July 3, 2000  
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Enclosed herewith are:

- [X] Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 67; Number of claims 1 - 76
- [X] TO BE POST-FILED: SIGNED DECLARATION
- [X] 3 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1- 3 [X] Formal [ ] Informal
- [X] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED CONCOMITANT WITH APPLICATION
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Total Claims	<u>76</u> -20 =	<u>56</u>	x \$ 9.00 =	\$ <u>504.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>27</u> -3 =	<u>24</u>	x \$42.00 =	\$ <u>1,008.00</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$140.00 =	\$ <u>-</u>
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